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PATENT APPLICATION

5     Entitled :   FIXING SYSTEM FOR MOUNTING AND DISMOUNTING  
                  A BENDING TOOL

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

15           A fixing system for mounting and dismounting a  
bending tool relative to the top panel of a bending  
press, in which the bending tool is held clamped between  
a first clamping surface of a tool spacer and a  
20   pivotaly-mounted clamp including a second clamping  
surface. The system further comprises a tool-retaining  
member comprising a plurality of blades, each blade  
comprising a first elastically-deformable branch secured  
in part to the clamp, at least one angled portion, and a  
25   second elastically-deformable branch pointing upwards,  
with the end thereof being suitable for penetrating into  
a retaining groove situated in the bending tool, and  
being suitable for co-operating with the bottom edge of  
the groove when the tool pivots.

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